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ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE

REF: A. USUN 4297

B. USUN 4168

C. USUN 4410

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (A), THIRD COMMITTEE RES ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN
CHILE (FOR TEXT SEE REFTEL (B)) WAS APPROVED 83-9-21. FOLLOWING
COVERS PATTERN OF VOTES ON THIS ISSUE.

2. LAS--(5-9-7) AS REPORTED REFTEL (C), MEXICO CUBA AND THREE
ENGLISH SPEAKING CARRIBEAN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES (GUYANA, T&T,
JAMAICA) VOTE IN FAVOR OF RES. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT OF
THESE COUNTRIES, ONLY CUBA EITHER PARTICIPATED IN DEBATE OR OF-
FERED EXPLANATION OF VOTE. CAN ONLY NOTE IMPRESSION THAT ON FLOOR
OF THEIR COMITE, CUBA AND MEXICO HAVE BEEN CONSULTING SINCE
BEGINNING OF SESSION FAR MORE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. OTHER LAS
EITHER VOTED AGAINST (ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLOMBIA,
GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY), ABSTAINED (BARABADOS,
COSTA RICA, DOMINICA REPUBLIC, EL SALVADOR, GRENADA, HONDURAS,
VENEUZELA) OR WERE ABSENT (BAHAMAS, ECUADOR, HAITI, PANAMA,
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PERU). ABSENCE OF ECUADOR, PANAMA, AND PERU PROBABLY DELIBERATE.

WE REPORTED EARLIER CHILE INSPIRED LA CONSULTATIONS WHICH IN THIS INSTANCE APPEAR TO HAVE PRODUCED IMPRESSIVE DEGREE OF COHESION IN OPPOSING RES. IN CLOSING DAYS OF DEBATE, COSTA RICA, HONDURAS, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY, ARGENTIAN AND COLOMBIA ALL WEIGHED IN ON SIDE OF CHILE. IN ADDITION TO FORMAL EXPLANATIONS (IMBALANCED RES, AS YET UNPROVED CHARGES, AND INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS), WE ALSO GOT STRONG SENSE OF RESENTMENT THAT "ONE OF US IS BEING PICKED ON."

3. WEOS--(19-0-1) SPAIN (ABSTAINING) AND MALTA (ABSENT) BROKE UNITY OF WEO SUPPORT FOR RES WHICH SEVERAL WEOS CONSPONSORED (DENAMRK, FINALAND, NETHERLANDS, NORWAY, UK). FRENCH REP TOLD MISOFF THAT THERE WAS AN EC9 DECISION TO GO ALONG. SEVERAL EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT RES HAD BEEN MORE BALANCED IN TREATING IMPROVEMENT IN CHILE AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF HRC STUDY IN ESTABLISHING THE FACTS. INTERESTINGLY, SEVERAL DELS HAVE EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF US STATEMENT AS SOMETHING WHICH NEEDED TO BE SAID BUT ADDED "ONLY THE US" COULD SAY IT. UK REP TOLD MISOFF THAT IN REPORT TO HMG THEY COMMENTING THAT THEY FEEL VERY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH COMPANY THEY IN AND THAT THIS FEELING SHARED BY FRG, FRANCE AND ITALY.

4. NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST--(18-0-3) FOUR COUNTRIES ABSENT (AFGHANISTAN, ISRAEL, MALDIVE ISLANDS, AND SUADI ARABIA). AGAIN, BECAUSE OF PREVIOUS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT ABSENCE OF ISRAEL AND SAUDI ARABIA WAS INTENTIONAL. IN HIS COMMENTS DURING DEBATE, AMB BAROODY TENDED TOWARD CHILE SIDE ON GROUNDS OTHERS GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND CHILE SIGLED OUT ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS A SMALL POWER. HE ALSO ATTACKED THOSE WHO "STOOD BEHIND" SMALL COUNTRIES AS THE REAL DULPRITS. EGYPT, INDIA, AND JORDAN ACCOUNTED FOR ABSTENTIONS. AS REPORTED REFTTEL (C), EGYPTIAN PERMREP EXPLAINED VOTE IN TERMS OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH CHILE AND ADDED WRYLY THAT EGYPT DOES NOT ALWAYS VOTE THE WAY OTHERS WANTED IT TO. INDIAN REP HAS TOLD US THAT BECAUSE INDIAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO REPRESENTS SEVERAL COUNTRIES, HE BELIEVES INCLUDING USSR, THEY FELT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DISCHARGE THIS RESPONSIBILITY IF THEY VOTED FOR RES. REASONS FOR JORDANIAN ABSTENTION UNCLEAR BUT OTHER DELS HAVE OPINED THAT THEY WERE SIMPLY REACTING TO ALGERIAN SPONSORSHIP OF RES.

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5. SOVIET BLOC--(10-0-0) ALBANIA ABSENT.

6. FAR EAST--(6-0-6) KHMER AND LAOS ABSENT BUT HAVE BEEN ONLY OCCASIONAL PARTICIPANTS IN THIRD COMITE IN ANY CASE. ABSTENTION BY ASEAN COUNTRIES (INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE, THAILAND) BASED ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS, I.E.N THAT CHILE HAS BEEN CITED UNDER 1503 PROCEDURES AND GA SHOULD NOT BE SEIZED OF ISSUE UNTIL THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED. VOTING IN FAVOR WERE

AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH, BURMA, JAPAN, MONGOLIA, NEW ZEALAND.
AUSTRALIAN REP HAS ALSO PERSONALLY COMMENTED THAT HE FOUND HIM-
SELF IN STRANGE COMPANY IN THIS. CHINA ANNOUNCED THEY "NOT PAR-
TICIPATING" IN VOTE. WE ASSUME THIS REFLECTS FACT THAT THEY
CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CHILE.

7. AF--(25-0-3) ABSENT WERE BOTSWANA, DAHOMEY, EQUATORIAL
GUINEA, IVORY COAST, MAURITIUS, NIGER, SOUTH AFRICA, SWAZILAND,
AND UGANDA. ABSTENTIONS CASE BY ETHIOPIA, MADAGASCAR, TOGO.
CHILE IS NOT ISSUE OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND
WE SUSPECT THEIR VOTE SIMPLY REPRESENT SOLIDARITY WITH NON-
ALIGNED BLOC.
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